

CITY OF LOWELL
PETITION

TO THE
CITY COUNCIL

Michael D. Bitende
14 Arthur St.
Lowell MA
Request Approval and
Installation of a Guardrail
on the inside of Arthur St

In City Council



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Clerk

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To The City Manager/ City Council,

City of Lowell, MA

RE: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AND INSTALLATION OF A GUARDRAIL OR BARRICADE AT 2 ARTHUR STREET, LOWELL, MA 01851 TO PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY LOSS DUE TO VEHICLES ACCIDENTS.

Request the City Manager/ Council to approve and install ⁶⁴Guardrail at 2 Arthur Street, Lowell, MA01851 in order to protect my property and family from constant car hits.

I live at a corner property Arthur/Hutchinson Street, and it has been changed to a one way going downhill. However, over the years, at least twice every year, car ram into my fence and up to my house foundation. I have on numerous occasions tried to get help from City Hall but failed.

Numerous accidents happen every year at this same location and cars barely miss 2 inches from hitting my house off its foundation. I have proof of this in forms of police reports about the reported accidents, photos of damage and impact and video footages of some of the car directly hitting the house.

I used to have protection by parking a car front of my house but after re-paving the street in 2019, parking was taken away and the street was made a one way so now car just ram straight into my fence up to my bedrooms. My family go through very scary moments and always on tension, my kids are frightened and worried about the impacts we have gotten over the years.

Directly behind this wall are:

- Gas supply lines and meter (*Gas ignition danger*)
- Electric Main panel (*Fire hazard due to short circuit if the cars manage to get to the Electric panel*)
- City water main (*Flood if the impact breaks the city water supply*)
- My bedrooms for my family. (*My family's lives are in danger if cars ram into the bedrooms*)

I am very concerned that one time some car is going to cause harm to my family and property, ignite a gas fire or flood my property.

For those hit and run vehicles It's becoming more expensive for me to pay out of pocket to repair the damages.

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I hereby request the City Manager/ Council consider putting some kind of protection to try and address this potential and avoidable danger. (Guardrail, Barricades etc. just like the protection given to the house on Arthur-Liberty Street intersection.

Please, help me to address this issue,

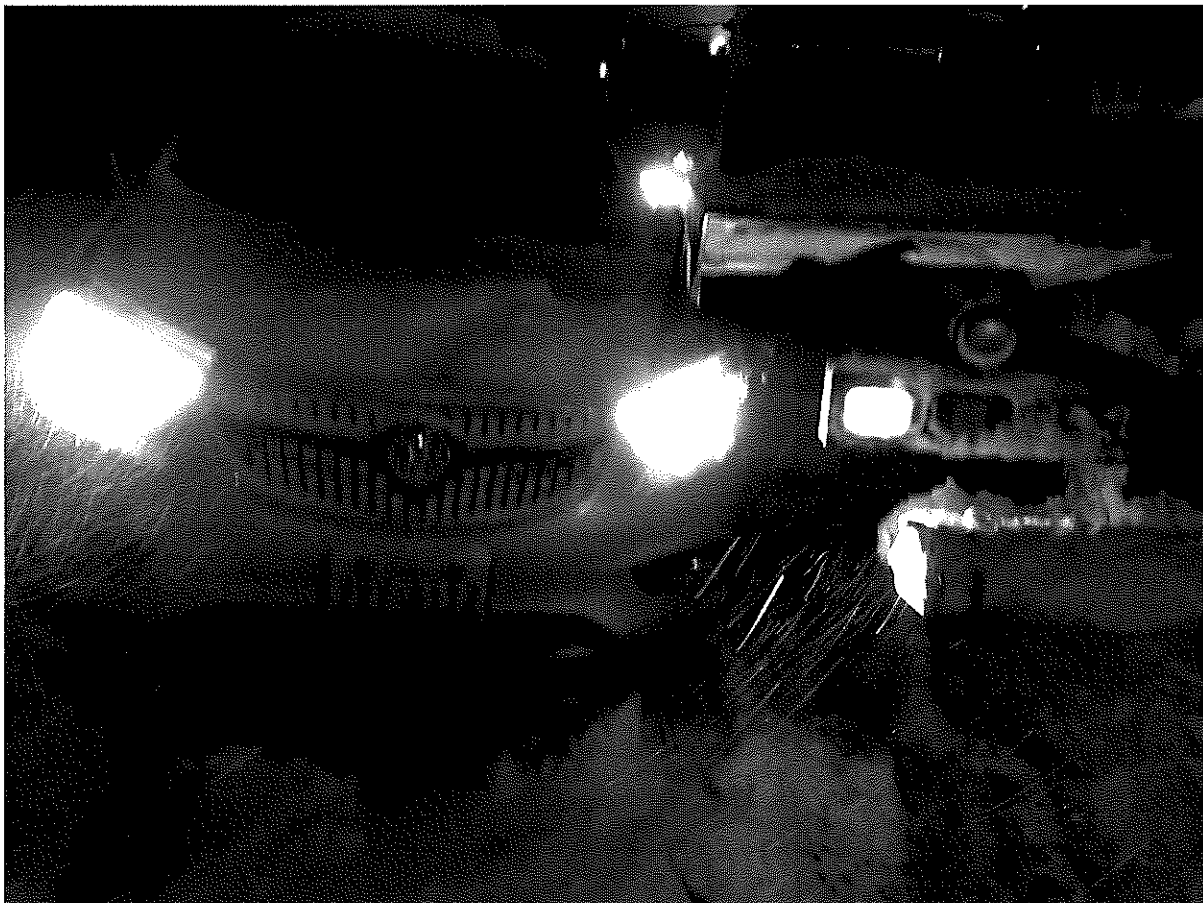
Thank you very much,

Regards,

Michael D. Kitenda

Property Owner @2 Arthur St.

See attached supporting photos and video footages on request. These are just some of the photos I have captured since installing the cameras but most are hit and run.



2018 accident at the same location



This stone held the car just inches from hitting my bedrooms



Video footage extract showing a truck ramming straight into my house in 2019



Jan. 2022, the car split this cobble stone into two during the impact coming to just 2 inches off my property



Jan. 2022, the car was barely stopped by the stone barricade I had put beyond my fence.



January 2022 accident at the same location fence damage



Video footage extract showing a sedan coming down hill before hitting my property in 2022.



Fence damage after the accident









Jan. 2022, the car split this cobble stone.



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This stone slowed the car down before stopping at the foundation.

